# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
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DROUGHT PRONE AREAS PROGRAMME
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether an amount of Rs.2195 crore approximately has been spent on the Drought Prone Area Programme since its inception but drought and ecological conditions have shown no perceptible improvement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Department of Land Resources have informed that an amount of Rs.2593crore has been released under the Drought Prone Areas Programme since its inceptionand it has been observed that in the targeted areas where this programme is under implementation, there is visible improvement in the availability of water and other related ecological factors.

(b) & (c): According to them, in order to make the programme more effective, the guidelines for Watershed Development have been revised based on the feed back received from the concerned State Governments, Research Institutions, etc.